

### REMARKS

At the outset, the applicant wishes to express his appreciation to the Examiner for the helpful suggestions pertaining to formal matters in the application and for her recognition of patentable subject matter in the application.

By the present amendment, the applicant has amended the claims by combining the elements of Claim 2 into Claim 1 and amending "web" to "traveling web" in Claim 1. The applicant has also amended "uniformly forming size and form of openings" to "uniformly forming the size and shape of said openings" in Claim 1.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 11, 12 and 13 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) by U.S. Patent No. 5,791,030, to Aihora et al. It is believed that the present amendment to Claim 1 overcomes this rejection.

The amendment in Claim 1 of "web" to "traveling web" is believed to provide antecedent basis for claims 11 to 15 objected to by the Examiner.

In view of the above and the Examiner's indication that Claims 2 to 10, 14 and 15 would be allowable, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 3 to 15 are patentable and should be allowed. Such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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